

Volunteers will fight hunger

Students will work with community members on Saturday to combat hunger and homelessness

By Christy Schwerin
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Twenty-seven million Americans are hungry today. Every 40 seconds, one person will die from a hunger-related cause.

Last year, students at 200 campuses across America united to combat hunger and homelessness, armed with gardening gloves, sponges and brooms. Nationally, these students raised \$500,000 by having individuals and businesses sponsor their work. Here at the University, 80 students joined the coalition and contributed \$1,000 to the cause.

This year, OSPIRG and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness are inviting students and the community to join them for the largest

one-day community service event in the United States.

"We hope to have 150 volunteers this year and raise \$2,000 to help the homeless and hungry," said Lisa Ryan, co-coordinator of the OSPIRG-organized project.

The 14th annual Hunger Cleanup will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers will meet at the EMU Breezeway. The morning will start off with speakers and snacks.

Teams of students and community members will be bused to destinations around the city where they will perform hours of gardening, cleaning, painting and organizing to help those individuals and organizations that feed, clothe and care for neighbors in need.

Sororities, fraternities, the ASUO, clubs and individual students are joining together to clean up the grounds around Eugene's community service organizations.

"This is a great chance to inter-

act with the community and not be a separate city within a larger city," said ASUO Vice President Ben Unger.

Each volunteer will be given an official registration form and a sponsor sheet. The sponsors can pledge by the hour or at a flat rate.

All of the money, raised solely by volunteers, goes directly to the community, the nation and the world to combat hunger. Eugene will receive 50 percent of the money raised; 35 percent will aid the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

The remaining 15 percent will be used by the International Development Exchange to sponsor projects, including a secondary school in Ghana and a drinking water system in Honduras.

Those with questions or those who are unable to attend the event but still want to participate can contact Jessica Klausmeier, Lisa Ryan or Carolyn Whipple at 346-4377.

Group wants earth-friendly buildings

Today's conference will address ways to build structures without harm to the environment

By Matthew Conover
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Build it and they will come. Building environmentally friendly and ergonomic buildings will be the topic of the fourth annual Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability Conference.

Funded by the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, the conference will take place today at 5 p.m. in Lawrence Hall.

Peg Butler, a HOPES committee

co-chair and landscape architecture graduate student, explained the issue posed by the conference in direct terms: "Humans are still animals. We're the only animal living in concrete jungles. It's an uncomfortable way to live."

Butler said some communities are taking radical steps to combat the environmental problems they face. They have employed techniques such as using "rammed earth" — which is basically compacted dirt and mud — to build walls and other structures. This building technique saves time and energy compared to other building materials, including wood and cement.

Using alternative building methods such as rammed earth is a hard swallow for people accustomed to conventional housing. "We're not going to have Donald Trump living in the equivalent of a cave," said James Wines, president of Sculpture in the Environment and a speaker at the conference.

The "Donald Trumps" of the world who do not want to give up their luxuries is representative of a larger problem plaguing the environmental movement, he said.

For more information about the conference, contact the HOPES office at 346-0719.

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Mike Green speech, EMU Ballroom at 7:00

All university students are encouraged to attend

chapters get points for percentage of members attending speech, sign chapter roster dress casual and all seating will be on the floor to accommodate everyone

Thursday

-----No events-----

Friday

All Greek Pizza Party at 4:30-6pm at ΠΚΦ

Sumo Wrestling Fund-raiser for Special Olympics 4:30-6pm

Delta Gamma Anchor Splash

Agate Hall (cost \$4 at the door)

points awarded

Saturday

OSPIRG cleanup at 11am

Meet in EMU Courtyard (last approx. 2 hrs.)

Chapters get points for percentage of members attending cleanup, sign chapter roster

NIKE Swoosh Challenge

starts at 11am and goes all day

Chi Omega Spaghetti Feed at 4-7pm

At chapter house (tickets may be purchased in advance from Chi Omega or at the door for \$2)

points awarded for percentage of members attending

Sunday

Auction at Humpty Lumpty 1pm at ΘΧ and ΣΦΕ

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